

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

AUER ET AL.

U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/510,413

35 USC §371 DATE: May 27, 2005

FOR: METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF INHIBITORS OF THE
BINDING OF ARE-CONTAINING MRNA AND A HUR PROTEIN

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement of June 29, 2007, Applicants elect the claims of Group 1, claims 1-5, drawn to a method for identifying an inhibitor. This election is made without traverse.


This election is being filed with a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time. If it is deemed that additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis for any fees due.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of any non-elected claim groups in one or more divisional applications.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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